

REMARKS

The undersigned thanks the Examiner for withdrawing the previous 112 and prior art rejections.

Claims 1, 2, 6, 9, 11, 12, 19 and 20 have been rejected being obvious over Song in view of Tanahashi. Claims 7, 16 and 17 have been rejected as being obvious over Song in view of Tanahashi, further in view of Suzuki, as evidenced by Bertero. Claims 8, 10 and 18 have been rejected as being obvious over Song in view of Tanahashi, further in view of Ivett. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

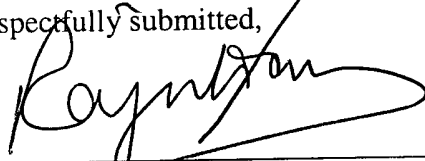
Applicants respectfully submit that Song is *not* prior art for an obviousness rejection under 35 USC 103. Song is a 102(e) prior art. However, 35 USC 103 (c) states:

Subject matter developed by another person, which qualifies as prior art only under one or more of subsections (e), (f), and (g) of section 102 of this title, shall not preclude patentability under this section where the subject matter and the claimed invention were, at the time the invention was made, owned by the same person or subject to an obligation of assignment to the same person.

This application was assigned to Seagate Technology LLC at the time of the invention of this application. Song was originally assigned to Seagate Technology, Inc. (as shown on the face of the Song patent) and subsequently owned by Seagate Technology LLC at the time of the invention of this application. (See Attachment 1)

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Respectfully submitted,



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Attachment 1

Here are the two assignments in Song from Cassis. The first one is from the inventors to Seagate Technology, Inc. recorded on 11/13/1998 and the second one is from Seagate Technology, Inc. to Seagate Technology LLC recorded on 6/28/2000.

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